

Small Town Consensus Building

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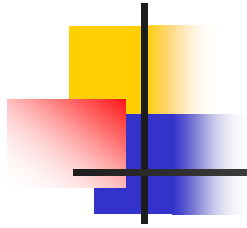
How to Start

- No man is an island
- Municipal plagiarism is flattery
 - Don't spend unnecessary funding
 - No need to reinvent the wheel
 - Use Town Clerk's electronic correspondence
 - Talk to your Regional Planning Commission



How to Start

- Develop a committee
 - Planning Board member
 - ZBA member
 - Conservation Commission
 - Selectman or Administrator
 - DPW
 - Fire
 - Police
 - Building Inspector
 - Other



Process

- Consider
- Identify
- Develop
- Follow up



How to Start

- Consider
 - Limitations/constraints
 - Past, current and projected activity/growth
 - Desired direction
 - Master Plan
 - Open Space Plan
 - Economic Development Plan
 - Housing Plan
 - Smart Growth initiatives



How to Start

- Identify – hold public hearing
 - Open space
 - Landscape heritage
 - Historic features
 - Resources
 - Municipal future needs
 - Available land
 - Other



How to Take Action

- Develop – encourage citizen participation
 - Vision
 - Goals
 - Action steps
 - Plans
 - Changes – public hearings and town meetings may be required
 - Zoning
 - Sub-division regulations
 - Conservation Commission regulations
 - Other



How to Finish

- Follow up
- Review progress annually
- Be cautious of trends that may change your direction



Resources

- Existing plans
- Regional Planning Commission
- Commonwealth
 - Be prepared to take advantage of grants and programs
 - Develop a working relationship
 - Inform them of your goals

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Questions

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